This newspaper goes into two-thirds of the homes in Alexandria daily. If you have a message to send to the families who reside in those homes, Mr. Business Man, let The Gazette carry it to them for you.

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For this section—Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; slightly cooler tomorrow.

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FOR THE BUILDING OF NEW HOMES IN THIS CITY

Bill Introduced In Congress Yesterday Appropriating $115,000 With Which to Provide Government Housing Facilities Here—It is Expected that the Measure Will Receive Prompt and Speedy Attention.

Building authorizations to meet government housing facilities in forty-five cities were asked of Congress yesterday by the Treasury Department. Appropriations of $12,798,000 were requested.

Alexandria is among the cities needing new buildings, and Congress is asked to appropriate $115,000 for the purpose, which amount was included in the bill.

It is thought that the measure will receive prompt and speedy attention at the hands of the nation's lawmakers in order that the needed homes may be provided for those employed in building ships and doing other work for the government.

LETTER FROM FRANCE

An Alexandria Boy Writes From "Somewhere Over There" Concerning Humorous Experiences With Colored Men.

The editor of The Gazette is in receipt of the following letter which arrived in this morning's mail from France. It was written by an Alexandria boy, now in the service over there, whose name we will call George Washington Park because that isn't it:

Uncle Sam has sent quite a number of jolly, husky, negroes over to France to do manual labor of various kinds around the ports of disembarkation and some of the large supply depots. And, believe me, they are one interesting bunch. The Amex men in France who have not seen some of these coons from 'back home," who have "parteed" from the land of cotton to become members of the Amex Stevedore's Union, have surely missed a real treat. I remember how glad I was to see my first coon on this side of the Atlantic. The one I saw was as purely African in his disposition and his look as any Etheopian I had ever seen, and I was mighty happy to see a 100 per cent pure "shine" with me on French soil. It reminded me of the days of the past when as a little boy I used to have such good times with the "Charlie" or the "Sam" or the "Tom" that used to work for my dad. So, in real Virginia style, I walked over to the cheerful exponent of the sunny field of the South, and said: "Hello, John, what unit do you belong to?" "John" was a little perplexed, for never had such a question been asked him before, and then with an appearance of the greatest sincerety, he eyed me up and responded:

"Well, suh, I jest don't 'xactly know, some sez I belong to the Workin' Organization an dthe nsome sez I belong to the Quartermaster Corpse; deed, suh, I don't know just what I 'long to."

So, there he was; he did not know any more about what he belonged to "than a rabbit." I guess all that he knew was that he wasn't back in Mississippi, but that he hoped to be back some of these days.

This "Sammie" (just think of it) seemed to be taking life pretty easy on this side of the river, but told me that he wasn't so much struck on his trip across the ocean. He explained himself by stating that he "was hell on land, but a mighty quiet nigger on water."

As to the French which our colored co-patriots are learning, much can be said. In search of a little more humor, I approached one of the short, coal-black members of the "Workin' Organization," and after asking him how he was getting along with the French language, he replied: "Well, I done learned how to say "bon swore," meaning "good ebening" and "bon jaw," meaning 'good morning" and den I know several other more words that I jest ain't able to make mention of jest now." Gee, won't his big black mammy or his wife be proud of their "chocolate soldier" gets back home, able to speak all those words in French.

And talk about classy marchers and soldiers! You know most of the men are not soldiers in the real sense of the word, but are merely members of the working organizations, and this fact makes their attempts to do a little drilling the more ludicrous.. Only this morning all the fellows at this place had a big laugh watching the "shines." There were about thirty or thirty-five in the bunch, when one big, husky fellow wearing the chevrons of a sergeant hollered out: "Git in dat line," and then Messrs. Coon started to form. But, as most of them have failed to realize that they are

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MEETING OF GRAND JURY

Return True Bills in Cases Sent From Police Court and Consider Sanitary Conditions of City.

The grand jury of the Corporation Court, W. H. Sweeney, foreman, met this morning and brought in true bills in the following cases of persons charged with violating the prohibition law:

Commonwealth vs. Courtney Acton.
Commonthwealth vs. Leroy Davis.
Commonwealth vs. Clifton Harris.
Commonwealth vs. William Johnson.
Commonwealth vs. C. F. Lassiter.
Commonwealth vs. Robert Lee.
Commonwealth vs. George Minor.
Commonwealth vs. Washington Roy.
Commonwealth vs. Aubrey Snyder.
Commonwealth vs. William Stauers.
Commonwealth vs. Waverly Sydnor.
Commonwealth vs. Levi Trego.
Commonwealth vs. Rudolph White.
Commonwealth vs. William White.
Commonwealth vs. James Williams.

The grand jury also returned true bills in the following cases:

Commonwealth vs. Ezekiel Lyons for stealing from the person a watch valued at $50 and $24, and Cooper Elliott, for bigamy.

The grand jury subsequently began the investigation of the sanitary condition of the city.

SOLDIERS SEEK HUN CUR

Has Been Selling Poisoned Pencils to Jersey Farmers.

Clinton, N. J., May 28. — Selling poisoned and germ-infected pencils to unsuspecting farmers is an alleged activitiy of a supposed German agent that has aroused Hunterdon county residents, and a diligent search has been made for the cur, who mysteriously disappeared when American soldiers got on his trail and managed to collect most of the pencils.

Clinton's first acquaintance with the man was when he appeared in the disguise of a peddler and offered pencils for sale at the home of Edward Smith. The family bought a pencil. Later they discovered the German had slept in their barn overnight, turning up next morning at the home of Cecil Sine, where, after getting breakfast, he tried to sell some of his pencils and became abusive when they declined to buy. He got another breakfast at William Van Syckle's and again tried to sell pencils.

These families thought nothing of the occurrence until two hours later, when two squads of soldiers appeared in automobiles, seeking information about the German. They had recovered a score of the pencils and left a warning for local purchasers to destroy or hold for later inspection by the authorities any they had bought. The peddler, authorities say, can easily be identified because he is blind in one eye. No statement has been made by the military authorities as to the basis for their belief that the pencils contained poisons.

Several squads of soldiers are also scouring the country for the miscreant. "If you can't catch him, shoot him," is the published warning to farmers.

After a hard day's work in the hot city, why not enjoy the pleasure of a nice traw ride through the country by motor trucks, and breathe the pure and refreshing atmosphere. Ask those who have already gone what a pleasant and enjoyable time it is. Will receive appointments for any night except Saturdays and Sundays. See me about particulars at 108 South Alfred street, after 5 p. m., or call 497.
H. C. Aaron. 125-t-m-w-s

Don't forget to see the remarkable picture, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," at the Grand Theater Thursday next.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

A dance will be given tomorrow evening in Odd Fellows Hall, North Columbus street, for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus war fund, by the M. D. D. Club.

Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows will be paid an official visit on Friday night, May 31, by Guy V. Horner, deputy grand master of Odd Fellows of Virginia.

A sneak thief entered the home of David P. Moore, 15 Walnut street, Rosemont, last night and carried off two straw hats. Several articles of value were in the room, but they were not disturbed.

The ladies of the Jefferson branch of the Alexandria Red Cross are to be congratulated over the amount of cash turned in by them during the drive of the past week. They were asked for $500 and responded with $850. That's "going some." Hats off to the ladies at Del Ray and vicinity!

May Fete exercises will be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening under the patronage of Our Lady of Victory, on the lawn at St. Mary's Academy, and will be held in place of the regular commencement exercises of that institution. The usual elaborate program will be omitted this year of war, and a short but beautiful patriotic one substituted.

The lawn fete and Greek play will be given tonight at the northwest corner of Washington and Queen streets, unless a sudden change in the weather should occur, and will be followed by dancing indoors. Eight Hawaiians from Camp Humphreys will compose the band for the dance music. The affair will be under the auspices of Mount Vernon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and for the benefit of their war relief fund.

A regular meeting of the City Council will be held tonight.

In the Corporation Court today Lawrence Millan qualified as administrator of the estate of Alice Millan, deceased.

Miss Lida McLaughlin is the guest of Mrs. O. T. Pearee, at her home in Roland Park, Baltimore.

Mrs. P. L. Rush has received a card announcing the safe arrival overseas of her son, O. A. Catts.

Mr. William H. Crump, of 310 South Fairfax street, is in receipt of a card from his son, Kenneth, announcing his safe arrival in France with the aviation cerps.

Edward Smith, colored, generally known as 'Alabama," was before the Police Court this morning to answer the complaint of Bettie Price, colored, who charged him with assault. The charge was dismissed.

Private Paul I. Paige, of the 665th Aero Squadron, who has been stationed at South San Antonio, Tex., and recently transferred to Garden City, N. Y., is on a visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Bridget Brannon, at her home in Patrick street.

Secretary J. Y. Williams, of the executive committee of the Red Cross, at 1 o'clock today, stated that the total sum received thus far from the Red Cross drive in this city during the past week amounts to $16,058.36. To that amount will be added the 5 per cent of gross sales to be contributed by the merchants of the city and also 5 per cent of the salaries of the men at the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation for the present week which will be turned over on Saturday next. It is believed that when the money from the two sources referred to is all in the total amount for the entire drive will be between $18,000 and $20,000.

The body of Joseph Roger Cockrell, who died at the Alexandria hospital Sunday, was sent to his home at Delaplane, Va., from Demaine's undertaking parlors today.

The executive committee of the Red Cross drive will meet at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow morning at 9:30 to complete the collections of the 5 per cent funds contributed by the merchants of the city.

Three separate sessions of the Police Court were held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of investigating charges of petit larcency. The charges in each case were withdrawn when the defendant guaranteed the return of the articles taken away or paid the cost of the same.

Lone Star Camp, No. 1, Junior Guards of the Improved Order of Red Man, an auxiliary to the parent order, whose membership is composed of youths from 12 to 17 years of age, and which was founded about five years ago by Past Great Sachem Walter S. Nicklin, have invested their surplus, $50, in their Wampum Belt in War Saving Stamps. These young patriots had been saving to purchase uniforms, but in this time of the government's call upon all to invest to help win the war, they unanimously voted to postpone realizing their dreams of uniforms and lend their money to "Uncle Sam." Eight more stamps are needed to complete their book, and the members have determined to hustle to secure them before the close of the campaign this year. This organization is a military branch of the Red Men, and teaches its members to be loyal to God, Home and Country. The present membership is composed of about fifty boys under 15 years of age. Twenty who joined at the first organization are now serving their country in some branch of the Army or Navy either at home or abroad.

U-BOAT FAILS.

German Centrist Leader Excoriates War Party's Ruthless Policy.

Washington, May 28. — Matthias Erzberger, leader of the Catholic Centrist party in Germany has declared that the submarine war is a failure. In a long article printed in Germania May 23 and cabled here yesterday, he says that a peace by compromise and undertaking is more vitally necessary to Germany today than it ever was.

In the same article he bitterly attacks the militarists and the politicians of the Koelnische Volkszeitung school.

Erzberger declares that he stands by all the declarations for a moderate peace he has ever made in the Reichstag and in the committees. He says that events have borne out his prediction of 1916, that ruthless submarine warfare's only result would be to bring the United States into the war.

"I consider that the politicians of the Koelnische Volkszeitung are a plague on Germany, and shall take every occasion to fight them. No foreign land, no amount of money taken from the enemy, are big enough to counterbalance the blood shed by Germany."

Of the submarine warfare Erzberger says:

"I foretold from the first that it was bound to fail, and the results have confirmed my skepticism. The political consequences of this war, which my opponents make little of, were exposed by me as early as October, 1915, during the debates in the main committee of the Reichstag. I declared then that war with the United States would be the inevitable consequence, and that other neutral countries would also declare war against us."

The Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna is apparently the only paper in the central empires to treat the President's speech of last Saturday seriously. Dispatches received here today indicate that even the German Socialist organs take scant notice of the President's declaration. The Arbeiter Zeitung declares outright that the central empires should reject their ambitions on the east and begin peace negotiations with President Wilson on his own basis.

"When the American people are convinced," the paper says, "that they may have peace without annexations and with the league of nations for which they are clamoring, without continuing the shedding of blood. Wilson will be obliged to negotiate, whatever his personal feelings may be.

WILL BE COAL SHORTAGE

Fuel Chief Makes Official Advance Notice of Next Season's Prospects and Needs.

Washington, May 28.—Dr. Harry A. Garfield, the fuel administrator, announced officially that there is bound to be a bituminous coal shortage during the year. He was optimistic over the anthracite situation, saying all the domestic needs will be met.

"The fuel administration," he says in an official statement, "does not make any concealment of the prospect that there will be a coal shortage during the year. The requirements for the year for bituminous coal is ascertained by the administration experts indicate that the production will likely fall considerably short of the necessary amount. The fuel administration is directing its efforts toward removing as far as possible the deliveries of coal for domestic purposes and essential war industries from the freight congestions on the railroads that are sure to come with the winter season."

Bituminous coal production for the week ending May 18 is estimated at 11,732,000 tons, a drop of nearly 100,000 tons from the previous week. The banner week produced 11,825,000 tons.

"Even if this rate of production should be maintained," says Dr. Garfield, "the total output would fall short of the estimated requirements for the year."

Dr. Garfield gives no other figures, but even this rate throughout the year would produce only 613,600,000 tons, far from the 675,000,000 tons that it has been roughly estimated by fuel officials that is needed.

The anthracite situation has an optimistic look, according to Dr. Garfield. The estimated requirements are 79,000,000 tons. To reach this aggregate, an increased production of approximately 2,000,000 tons will be necessary. The production for 1917 was 89,720,802 tons, but of this 77,133,305 was shipped away from the mines, the balance being required for consumptioin at and about the mines. But hereafter industrial plants will not be allowed to divert anthracite.

Death Notice.

DIED—Sunday evening, May 26, 1918, at his home near Pohick Church, Fairfax county, Va., John Javins, in the 77th year of his age. Funeral from Sharon Church, Fairfax county, tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. (Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia papers please copy.)

ANNA HELD NEAR DEATH

Her Physician Says That End May Come to Actress at Any Time.

New York, May 28—Anna Held, the actress, is slowly approaching her death, it is announced by Dr. Donald McCaskey, her physician.

"The end may come at any time or she may possibly last several weeks," said Dr. McCaskey. He added that he considered Miss Held's friends had the right to know that all chances for her recovery had been dissipated with the continued advancement of symptons of disease progress.

Miss Held has been informed that her end is near and has accepted the verdict, it was declared. Everything possible is being done to contribute to her comfort and Dr. McCaskey stated that his patient bears herself like a stoic.

"Three weeks have elapsed since Miss Held received her blood transfusion," said Dr. McCaskey. "Her blood condition continues good; her food is well assimilated and she is handling all her system wil stand. Her philosophy and courage are wonderful.

"But Miss Held's bones still disintegrate, and the disease, which is called multiple myeloma and is very rare, continues to attack her entire skeleton in spite of better blood.

"After her three-weeks' battle for life it is now clear that the destructive force, which has insidiously been wrecking her bones, is stronger than all the constructive forces we can rally to her support.

"Miss Held has asked me to thank everybody who has written or asked about her. She talks over the telephone herself and can sit up for brief periods in her chair.

"Miss Held is 'going through' with a Joan of Arc courage."

Washington Hall for Sale.

The property known as Washington Hall, with large frontage on King street and entrance on Washington street, is for sale. Attractive proposition for apartments or offices. Apply to M. L. Horner, 612 King street. 127-6t

Notice.

The business formerly conducted by the late Julian F. Chauncey will be hereafter carried on under the name of Mrs. Julian F. Chauncey. The public and particularly former customers, are notified that the best quality of all kinds of meat and meat products will be handled and sold, and their patronage is respectfully solicited.
HELENA C. CHAUNCEY.
104-30t

SOUTHERN RAILWAY MEN WALK OUT OF SHOPS

Reported to Be Displeased Because Their Pay Has Not Been Increased by Director General McAdoo—To Hold Meeting This Afternoon.

The residents of the city were surprised to learn that the men employed in the shops of the Southern Railway here suddenly quit work and walked out this morning shortly after 7 o'clock.

It is stated that the men refused to discuss the matter or state their reasons for stopping work, but according to the reports in circulation on the streets they are said to be dissatisfied because their wages have not been increased by Director General McAdoo, who is in charge of the railroads of the country, including the Southern.

The men are to attend a meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock to talk over the situation, it is said.

HANG OUT THE FLAGS!

The keel of the first steel ship to be built for Uncle Sam in the shipyards of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation of this city will be laid on Thursday afternoon of this week at 4 o'clock with appropriate ceremonies. Prominent government officials will be present and the exercises will mark an important event in the industrial history of Alexandria. In honor of the occasion The Gazette suggests that flags be flown from every business house and private residence in the city.

Hang out the flags on Thursday.

Draft to Come After Registration.

The provost marshal general's office intends to make a sizeable draft call soon after the 21-year-old men register on June 5. This developed today as one of the steps contemplated in increasing rapidly the size of the army.

The United States war machine is now striking its pace, and it is estimated that by the end of this year the supply of class 1 men will have been nearly exhausted, either at necessary war work, or in the military establishment. Already men have been called from classes 2 and 3, men who are skilled in trades or callings that fit into the army's war work. The young men who are to register on June 5, will be the last to be called.

The available number of class 1 men today is approximately 1,025,000 and with the number already called, it is known that there were about 2,000,000 men ready for call, with approximately 750,000 to be added to this through the June 5 registration.

CAR OVERTURNS ON SEVEN

Driver is Killed and Five Passengers Are Badly Injured.

Pottsville, Pa., May 28. — Losing control of his automobile, containing six Orwigsburg passengers, who had made the trip to Schuylkill Haven to see three of their townsmen off for Camp Meade and were returning home, Elias Scharer, aged 58 years, was killed when the machine struck a telephone pole and turned over, pinning all seven beneath it.

Scharer's neck was broken; Grant Moyer sustained several fractures and concussion of the brain; Harry Heim internal hurts and brain concussion, and Parke Dilbert, George Heckman and Harry Dipper, internal injuries. The dead man was removed to his home, the others are in the county hospital.

At the Grand Theater.

William S. Hart in "The Captive God" will appear at the Grand Theater tonight. Tomorrow Katherine Kaelred will be seen at this house in "Idols." The drama is one that will please all who see it.

Premium offered for Ford car with motor No. 1742990. I will pay a high premium for the above car on account of sentimental reasons. L. B. Hornaday, Chester, S. C. 127-6t

DANCE

A dance will be given by the M. D. D. Club for the benefit of the K. of C. war fund, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday, May 29, 1918. Admission, 50c. 125-3t

Don't forget to see the remarkable picture, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," at the Grand Theater Thursday next.

TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

City Council to be Asked to Pass Law to Protect Young Girls of Alexandria.

Conditions incident to the war have become of such a nature in Alexandria that the women of the city have become aroused to the extent that petitions will be presented to the City Council tonight to take action concerning the matter. The Gazette has been requested to give space to the following:

Alexandria is confronting many new conditions that this great war is forcing upon us day by day and among other necessities, none is more imperative than safeguarding the extreme youth of our city. So vitally has this truth been brought home to our citizens, that, impelled to give expression to the urgent need of meeting this particular phase of the war, a number of women who have the best interests of the city at heart, both white and colored, have, through their various organizations, urgently petitioned the City Council to heed their prayer and pass some measure to meet this danger.

This was intended to be a woman's plea and only women's organizations have been approached. Tonight some thirty petitions of those who have already signed will be presented to Council, stating the necessity for safeguarding the youth of the community and asking that some suitable law be framed and passed as a war measure. Feeling assured that the City Council is awake to the grave danger that confronts the city, and always desirous of fulfilling the wishes of the people when they emphatically voice their need, we are confidently expecting that immediate action will be taken and our anxious fears set at rest.

The Cameron Club.
The Willard W. C. T. U.
The Allison W. C. T. U.
Council Jewish Women.
Daughters of the American Revolution.
Daughters of America.
Ladies Maccabees.
17th Virginia Reg. U. D. C.
Board of Lady Manager, Alexandria Hospital.
Young Peoples' Missionary Society, Women's Missionary Society, Epworth League, of M. E. South.
Woman's Auxiliary, Officers and Teachers Sunday School Association, of St. Paul's.
Parish Aid, Womans' Auxiliary, of Christ Church.
Wesley Bible Class, of M. E. South.
Christian Endeavor, Missionary Society, Second Presbyterian.
Women's Missionary Society, Ladies' Aid Society, Young Peoples' Union, Ladies' Social Union, First Baptist.
Women's Home Missionary Society, Official Board, of Trinity M. E. church.
The Order of the Eastern Star.
Third Baptist church.
Alfred Street Baptist church.

COMMIT DARING ROBBERY

Burglars Rob New York Shoe Corporation Employes in Elevator.

New York, May 28.—Twenty thousand dollars in cash was stolen yesterday afternoon in an elevator of a building on Duane street from Francis O'Brien and William Montgomery, employes of the Melville Shoe Corporation. They were held up with guns at their heads by two men who entered the elevator. The negro elevator boy was required to run the car to the ground floor. There the robber slammed the door, ran from the building and mingled with the crowd. Pursuit was begun and hundreds joined in the man hunt. The police believe they escaped to New Jersey.

"Brave and Bold" at Richmond

George Walsh never put a more thrilling story on the screen than the one which will be shown at the Richmond tonight. It is full of humor and if you enjoy a good laugh go and see it.

Edna Goodrich will be seen at the Surprise in "The House of Lies." This is a society drama of especial interest.

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LET IT BE A FETE DAY

On Thursday, the 30th instant (Decoration Day), the keel of an iron steamship will be laid by the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation at their plant in this city.

The day being a holiday, most Alexandrians as well as many persons from Washington and nearby places are expected to be present. It is suggested that Alexandrians make it a day of rejoicing, and that flags be placed upon houses and other evidences of patriotism be in evidence upon the occasion.

Thirty-five years have passed away since the keel of a vessel of any great size has been laid in Alexandria. In the year 1883 the keel of a large three-masted schooner was laid north of the present steamship plant. It was that of the Henry S. Culver which was launched the same year, and pronounced to be one of the most shapely schooners ever constructed in America. The vessel had but a short career, however, it having been lost in a severe storm off the American coast a year or two after having been committed to the water.

A number of government officials are expected to be present at the keel-laying Thursday, and there will doubtless be a universal turnout of our own people who for several months have been enthused by the installation of the ship-building plant in Alexandria.

Many rumors are in circulation concerning the alleged intentions of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation in the expansion of their plant, which incidentally will bring other enterprises to Alexandria. We can say nothing officially concerning their ultimate designs. General Foch when asked what was to be the result of the last German drive merely said: "Wait." That is about all we can say.

THE TEUTON HANDICAP

The German is not swift and, as is said by the Philadelphia Record, it is not his disposition to hurry. It is, in fact, so uncongenial to his temperament that those who know him best are prone to look for reaction on his part, if stimulation is applied to him. Yet Hindenburg is trying to speed him up, to beat the Yankees.

Now, whatever effect that may have on the Teutonic disposition, however peevish and unresponsive he may prove, the effort is bound to failure, because his opponent in the race is temperamentally and by custom a hustler. Not only that; in this instance he is most eager. All he asks is that he may get into the game as speedily as possible, and the farther in, the better. Besides, the government and the people, his people, who have not his privilege of service "over there," are seconding his efforts. They are behind the Yankee soldiers in a totally different way from the way in which the Potsdam gang and the disappointed German people are behind the hordes of the Hun.

The all highest and his satellites are driving his myriads as Xerxes caused his to be driven at Thermopylae, with the lash, against free and fearless and heroic soldiers, fihting a defensive warfare againt ruthless barbarians, to save the civilized world from desecration, defilement and ruin. The German people, demanding victory, are inspired by a sense of loss, disillusion and betrayal. They clamor for material results for their material losses. They and their rulers and the German army all lack the sportsman spirit in a contest where that must needs be the deciding factor. There are none among them capable of achieving the impossible, and they are pitted against those who have already done it, have the will to do it again, and are receiving hourly reinforcements from their brethren across the sea who are imbued with indomitable spirit.

SHAKING THE MAILED FIST

In Ambassador Gerard's notable account of his life at the American embassy in Berlin, prior to our entrance upon the war, a most significant statements, which will still be remembered by our readers. As the Richmond Virginian says, perhaps none is more so than the assertion credited to a lady, for whose veracity and gravity the ambassador vouches, that the crown prince assured her of his purpose to provoke war on his accession to the throne, (provided his father had not done so first. Needless to note that this patriotic purpose of the son was forestalled by the superior efficiency of the father.

But the prince went on to say that his war would include an attack on the United States. Our cotemporary directs attention to the fact that during the course of the controversy over the submarines, the kaiser turned on the United States minister with a menacing snarl and the exlamation, "Let me tell you that after this war is over I will brook no nonsense from the United States." And Von Tirpitz, then and perhaps still the greatest power in Germany under the kaiser and Von Hindenburg, said curtly that he expected after England was beaten to her knees to use the Germany navy against the United States.

Scores of individual expressions of German hatred for the United States even before our entrance upon the war could be cited. But they might be dismissed as mere gossip. The incidents cited are dignified by inclusion in an ambassador's memoirs. They leave no doubt that the idea of conquest of the United States was rooted in the German mind before we flung down the gage of battle.

We are now in the war and it is incredible that Germany should win it.

GRANT'S BREVITY

A Richmond cotemporary in one of the clippings from its file of fifty years ago reproduces the following:

"General Grant was serenaded in Washington night before last and made a speech that would make exactly eleven lines in this paper and five of those were in explanation of the fact that he is not a public speaker."

On another occasion Grant was found on the veranda of a northern hotel shortly before he became President. A speech was demanded, and the general finally arose amid great applause. After surveying his audience, he said: "My friends, the hour is late, and I suggest that we all go home."

In the olden times Presidents' and Governors' messages were elongated. In Virginia such productions were called "Henry A. Wise documents" from the fact that this worthy expatiated at large upon every subject in which the state was supposed to have any interest. The message of Gilbert C. Walker to the Virginia legislature in the latter part of the year 1869 would have filled four pages of the Alexandria Gazette. The speech of General Grant the year he was inaugurated President filled about half a column's space of the papers of that day.

LETTER FROM FRANCE

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"in the army now," they still act just as though they were down in the corn field or the cotton plantation. After a few minutes of commotion, one of the shorter and darker species of African humanity found himself all out of position, and at this junction, we again heard the leader say "Come on here, Nigger, git in dat line." Of course, "Tom" soon got in.

The humorous experiences like the above have helped to make the colored men very popular among the boys. Their good-naturedness, together with their great amount of humor, stand out preminently, and for the Southerner it is a real pleasure to have a little talk with them now and then. As an organization of men they are surely one happy bunch, and their possession of so many good traits that one finds in the colored man from the South, makes their presence during the day very pleasing and cheerful for those who have occasion to watch them. Yes, I shall always remember the first "shine" I ever saw in France, and likewise I shall always remember the many humorous incidents that I have enjoyed while being temporarily with them.

Exhibition of Junior Red Cross

The Junior Red Cross will close its work for the school year with an exhibition on Friday, May 31, from 2 to 6:30 in the high school auditorium.

During the afternoon interesting programs will be given by the schools and an offering will be taken for the Red Cross. The following schools will take part: St. Mary's Academy, Lee, Washington, West End and the High school.

The public is cordially invited to attend and see the progress made in just a few months. It is hoped by the chairman and executive committee that a large number will be present as it will greatly encourage both pupils and teachers.

STARVATION IN ECROPE

Mormon Missionaries Tell of Conditions Among Neutrals.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 28—Missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons), returning to the United States from foreign work, in their reports to the church, tell stories of desperate food scarcity in parts of Europe.

Although food scarcity among the nations allied with Germany and neutral nations is well-known, the returning missionaries bring detailed stories describing the condition as a tragedy.

Carl T. Peterson, of Logan, Utah, recently returned from Sweden, and E. L. Otteson, of Spansh Fork, Utah, just arrived from Norway, said that the bread problem in these countries appeared critical. Long lines of women and children, waiting for hours with their food cards and often turned away in fainting condition with empty hands because the supply gave out, was a frequent sight, according to these men.

Foreigners, especially in some parts of Norway, Mr. Otteson said, were asked to leave, the government officials declaring there was no food.

One missionary stated that he saw in Christiana 12,000 people standing in line for allowances of potatoes, six pounds to a family, and the supply was exhausted before one-half of them had been given their allowance. Wood pulp was being used in 25 per cent, proportions in much of the bread, along with mixtures of various wheat substitutes.

Only six "Mormon" missionaries are left in Norway, where there were formerly as many as 120, according to Mr. Otteson. Tewlve are left in Sweden, ten of whom are now due to return to the United States.

STRANGE MALADY IN SPAIN

King Alfonso and 40 Per Cent of the Population Ill, Paralyzing Industry.

London, May 28—A mysterious epidemic is sweeping the whole of Spain, the Express learns from its Madrid correspondent. It is estimated that 40 per cent of the Spanish population is affected by the disease, which is paralyzing the coutry's industries.

King Alfonso is confined to his bed It is feared he has fallen victim to the plague. The military maneuvers have had to be halted. The disease is described as being similar to influenza, though it differs in that the victims are seized by sudden fits. Persons being stricken by convulsions in the streets is a common sight since the epidemic started.

Receives Heavy Fine.

Chicago, Ill., May 28.—John Lopuch was thrown out of a saloon and nearly mobbed because of disloyal utterances. He was brought before Judge John A. Swanson.

"What do you mean by saying the President of the United States can go to hell?" demanded Judge Swanson.

"You can go to hell, too," fired back Lopuch.

"Two hundred dollars and costs—take that man out of here," roared Swanson.

Socialists In Germany

Berne, May 27.—Sweeping liberalizing reforms are contained in a revised program submitted to the Socialist party in Germany by its executive council. The are:

1—The Kaiser is to be deprived of the right to declare war or peace.
2—Universal suffrage.
3—Parliamentary government.
4—The Reichstag to have the right to make treaties.
5—Abolition of secret diplomacy.
6—A tribunal for consideration of international disarmament.

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Washington, May 28.—The deadly gases with which the Americans northwest of Toul bathed the German positions on Tuesday were merely a foretaste of what the enemy is to get shortly, according to army officers who are familiar with the preparations the War Department is making along this line.

The chemists who compounded the ingredients of the new American gases are convinced they surpass in deadliness and effectiveness anything that the Germans have discovered. The attitude here is that if the Germans insist upon using this method of warfare the United States is compelled to resort to the same weapons. And while about it, the authorities are not going to do it in a halfway fashion.

Without any ado and with a vast amount of secrecy, some of the foremost chemists in the United States have been at work since the declaration of war on gases which will prove of the utmost efficacy in replying to the gas attacks of the enemy. Before the House Appropriations Committee these chemists testified that they had discovered a gas which they regarded as far superior to that in use by the Germans or the French. Whether this new gas was used against the Germans last Tuesday is not known.

WAR TAX BILL

President's Plea for "Duty" in Address to Joint Session Cheered.

President Wilson ended discussion over whether Congress shall stay in Washington this summer to enact new revenue legislation by appearing yesterday before the House and Senate in joint session and calling upon members to put aside polities and all other considerations to provide money for growing war expenses and to advise the country in advance of the tax burdens it must meet.

Just as the President was leaving the White House for the Capitol word came that the German drive against the west front had been renewed. He gave his visit a dramatic touch by announcing this news as he concluded his prepared speech, saying it strengthened the purpose he had tried to express.

The demand that with "the war at its peak and crisis, Congress do its duty at home as the soldiers are doing their duty in the trenches overseas" brought instant acquiescence.

The United States Food Administration Says

Milk is one of the most important food sources the human race possesses.

For the proper nourishment of the child it is absolutely indispensable and its use should be kept up in the diet as long as possible.

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In hospitals it has also been shown that the wounded recover more rapidly when they have milk.

For the purpose of stimulating growth and especially in children, butter fat and other constituents of milk have no substitutes.

Therefore, every parent owes to himself and to his family the duty of providing requisite amounts of milk, butter, cheese, and other dairy products.

During this last winter, when much agitation was had in some of the larger cities over the price of milk, which was advanced from two to three cents per quart by reason of the rapid rise in the cost of feed and labor, many families among the poor were found giving their children tea and coffee instead of milk. Such methods of feeding fail to nourish the child properly.

The widest possible publicity should be carried on through public channels to bring these essential facts to the attention of all mothers.

In spite of the shortage of milk in Germany, that country has at all hazards maintained the milk ration of the children and in the hospitals, even though to do so has meant that the adult population has had to forego largely its use.

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BRINGS DOLL FROM FRANCE

Canadian Aviator Says Owner of Toy Was Killed by Germans.

St. Catherines, Ont., May 28—Lieut. Jack O'Brien has brought a battle-scarred doll from shell-torn France to freedom, although the doll's seven-year-old "mamma" lies in a roughly made grave, a victim of German ruthlessness. The lieutenant, who is on leave from the French Foreign Legion to do recruiting service in Canada, is usoing the doll in his campaign for new soldiers,

"This doll," says the veteran of many battles, "was handed to me one day in France by a little brown-eyed, curly-haired girl while the Germans were sweeping toward the village in which the child lived.

"'I want you to take my dolly to freedom,' she said as her baby arms tenderly extended this ragged little sawdust doll to me.

"By terrific fighting the Germans drove our forces from the vilage. Later, when we counter-attacked and regained the town, it was a scene of desolation, the bodies of soldiers and civilians filling the streets.

"Among the dead was the little doll-mother who wanted her 'baby' to have the freedom of which she had been robbed.

"I buried her in the village from which the Germans had been unable to drive her, and promised myself that I would indeed 'take dolly to freedom.'"

WILL NOT GO TO FRANCE

General Wood Detached From Command of Eighty-ninth National Army Division.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Major General Leonard Wood, senior officer of the Regular Army, has been detached from command of the 89th National Army Division, and will not lead that organization when it goes to France. It was learned yesterday that he is slated to command the Western Department, with headquarters at San Francisco.

The general was at the War Department yesterday, conferring with Secretary Baker and other officials, and it is understood he urged strongly that if he must stay at home he at least be given an assignment promising more active duty than command in the west.

There was no official announcement of the change in General Wood's orders. Secretary Baker would make no statement on the subject, formal or otherwise, merely saying it was not the custom of the Department to explain orders to officers..

BIBLE SAVES SOLDIER'S LIFE

Bullet-Punctured Book Is Delivered to Army Headquarters by Pennsylvania Man.

With the American Army in France, May 28.—Many stories have been told since the beginning of the world war of lives being saved by Bibles, but the United States probably will have the distinction of being the first country to have actual possession of a bullet-punctured Bible, which saved the life of one of its sons, William R. Wilson, of Newcastle, Pa.

Wilson is alive today in a hospital in the rear of the American sector in Picardy, and rapidly recovering from a minor wound. A Bible and a small trench mirror, which he was accustomed to carry in his left breast pocket, deflected a German sharpshooter's bullet from his heart

According to his friends, Wilson, who is an orphan, had been in the habit of reading the Bible daily. He was resting in the rear lines last Sunday with his Bible as his only comfort. He was ordered to the front line, where a sharpshooter's bullet felled him. Comrades who carried him off found that he was suffering only from a flesh wound in the breast, thanks to his Bible and the trench mirror, through which the bullet passed.

FORCE BRITISH BACK

Germans Cross Aisne River and Make Temporary Gains.

London, May 28.—The Germans have forced a crossing of the Aisne river west of the British sector, the British war office announced today.

The sector held by the British was astride the Aisne river at Berry-au-Bac, between nine and ten miles northwest of Rheims.

The British front was apparently about sixteen miles wide, stretching from Bermicrout to Craelle in the district of the Chem des Dames.

The fighting in Flanders, General Haig said, is centered east of Dickebusch lake, where the Germans made temporary gains against the French troops in the resumption of their drive yesterday morning.

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GERMANS MEET FAILURE

Americans Counter-Attack and Repel Invaders on Western Front.

Von Hindenburg's troops thus far have met with failure virtually at all points in their attack against the French in the Locre sector.

In the early stages the enemy succeeded in driving in the defending positions at some points, but counter-attacks threw the Germans back at most of these places, and the French virtually re-established their entire line.

The reports show that the Germans have made some small progress in places.

The attack against the Entente positions northwest of Kemmel was launched at 4:30 o'clock after a heavy bombardment. It appeared to be directed against the ground captured by the French on May 20.

Washington, May 28. — General Pershing's communique, issued last night by the War Department, makes no mention of a general renewal of the German drive, but says after violent artillery preparation enemy infantry today penetrated advanced American positions in Picardy at two points, only to be driven out by counter-attacks in which Americans entered the enemy lines.

The statement also tels of the repulse of a strong hostile raiding party in the Woevre sector, defeat of hostile gas shell bombardments in Lorraine and of the downing of a German airplane by American aviators.

BOOTLEGGERS IN BATTLE

Norfolk Police Aided by Sailors Kill One and Capture Two Other Desperadoes.

Norfolk, Va., May 28.—Early yesterday morning, aided by enlisted men of the navy, who displayed daring bravery, the police rounded up a trio of negro botleggers, who took refuge in an alleyway and opened fire on the officers. One negro was killed and the other two were arrested. The pistol duel between the sailors, police and bootleggers lasted for over an hour along the water front. The officers and their assistants escaped injury.

U-BOAT OFF CAPE HENRY

British Skipper Uses Five Shells—Says Submarine Disappeared.

Newport News, Va., May 28.—The master of a British steamer reported on his arrival here Wednesday, May 22, that he had fired five shots at a mysterious submarine 150 miles off Cape Henry.

The captain did not know whether any of the shots were hits. He said the submarine disappeared.

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The story of a man who refused to be bluffed.

BREAK IS DENIED

Carranza Government Asks That the Island's Charge d'Affaires Remain In Mexico City.

Havana, May 28.—The Cuban State Department yesterday dispatched a circular cablegram to the Cuban diplomats in all foreign countries advising them that diplomatic relations between Cuba and Mexico had not been ruptured.

Dr. Guillermo Patterson, the Cuban assistant secretary of state, yesterday announced that a cablegram had been received from the Mexican government asking that the Cuban charge d'affaires at Mexico City, Senior Santamaria, be allowed to remain for the present at the Mexican capital so as to permit him to participate in negotiations for the settlement of questions pending between Cuba and Mexico.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—A statement issued yesterday by the Cuban Legation here says the Mexican government has informed the Cuban charge in Mexico that the recall of the Mexican charge at Havana does not imply a severance of relations. Minister de Cespedes expressed confidence that the affair would prove nothing more than a passing incident.

"The Cuban government is hopeful that the difficulties will find a satisfactory solution," he said. "Cuba is engaged in the stern task of fulfilling her duties, as an ally and as a belligerent, to the great cause defended by the United States and the nations of the entente. While willing to defer to every just claim of friendly nations, and especially to those of any of our sister republics, the Cuban government cannot depart from the policy of vigilance and certain restrictions made necessary by the state of war, without incurring great responsibilities. It is with a perfect sense of these, and at the same time adhering to the principle that nothing is definitive among friends, prevailing in the relations among the pan-American republics, that Cuba will actuate in this case, which I feel confident will prove to be nothing more than a passing incident."

INCREASE 99 PER CENT

$900,000,000 to Be Derived Annually From Higher Tariffs on Railroads.

Increases in passenger and freight rates, to add about $900,000,000 annually to the operating revenues of the railways of the United States, were announced yesterday by Director General McAdoo.

The increases in rates are initiated to meet the wage increases of $300,000,000 for railway employes announced yesterday to take effect as of January 1, 1918; an increase in the cost of coal of $160,000,000 over 1917, and of $321,840,000 over the year 1915, and other increased costs of operation which Director General McAdoo estimates will be from $830,000,000 to $880,000,000 more than for the calendar year 1917.

Operating revenues for the calendar year 1918 should be about $4,000,000 under present rates. The $900,000,000 additional will, therefore, amount to an increase of 19 per cent in all rates, if applied as a flat rate.

FAILS TO SALUTE GENERAL

Officers and Men of Camp Lee Troop Pay Penalty for Negligence.

Petersburg, Va., May 28.—Both officers and men of headquarters troop of the Thirty-seventh division at Camp Lee were ordered confined to their quarters for one week from yesterday for failure properly to salute their commanding general.

All the units of the Thirty-seventh except the artillery brigade have reached the camp.

The process of filling the division to war strength is progressing. Over 1,000 men were transferred from the depot brigade to the division today and 2,500 recently drafted Pennsylvanians will be transferred tomorrow.

HUNS SHELL PARIS AGAIN

Long Range Guns Resume Activity After Weeks of Silence.

Paris, May 28.—After a long interval, the Germans again began to bombard Paris with long-range guns at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The resumption of the bombardment was an unwelcome surprise to the Parisians, who had not heard the sound of exploding shells from the guns since May 1. There was no mistaking the peculiar "ping" with which the shells burst, however, and it immediately was recognized that the long-range firing was on again.

The first shell was followed at fairly regular intervals, much as on the occasions of previous bombardments, making it seem probable that more than one gun was in action. It is significant that the bombardment has been resumed just as the Germans are renewing their offensive in the west. The original bombardment was opened March 23, almost coincident with the start of the great offensive in Picardy.

At least two of the mammoth pieces were destroyed or badly damaged some time ago by the French artillery, which adopted special measures, in conjunction with airplane observation, to reach them in their location just behind the western edge of the Aisne front, more than seventy miles from Paris.

Early this month the long-range shelling was suspended and on May 6 one of the German newspapers announced that two of the big pieces had been taken to the Krupp plant for repair work. Such huge guns, it was explained, "could not be fired indefinitely without timely repairs."

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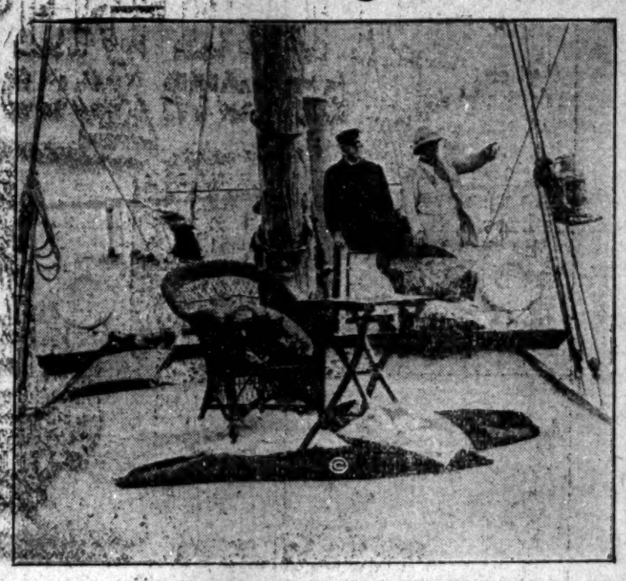

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